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# **TRANSIT FACT BOOK**

**1960 EDITION**



**AMERICAN TRANSIT ASSOCIATION**

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*Annual Summary of Basic Data and Trends  
in the Transit Industry of the United States*

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**T**HIS IS THE EIGHTEENTH annual edition of the Transit Fact Book compiled by the Statistical department of the American Transit Association. It is identified as the 1960 edition and covers the operations of the industry through the year 1959 with the latest plant and equipment data as of December 31, 1959. The figures given are in all cases totals for the whole transit industry of Continental United States.

The transit industry herein represented comprises all organized local passenger transportation agencies except taxicab and suburban railroads, sightseeing buses and school buses. Included are (1) local motor bus lines, (2) electric street railways, (3) elevated and subways lines, (4) inter-urban electric railways, and (5) trolley coach lines.

The primary sources of the data herein developed are the financial and statistical reports received by the American Transit Association from transit companies representing more than 85 per cent of the transit industry.

Any differences between figures reported for 1958 and earlier years as shown in this issue of the Fact Book as compared with data published in earlier editions are the result of adjustments necessary to take into account additional information received subsequent to the issuance of the earlier editions of the fact book.



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# THE TRANSIT INDUSTRY—1959

1. Number of Operating Companies (Dec. 31, 1959) : Total	1,272
(a) Electric Railway Companies (Total) . . . . .	34
Urban Railway . . . . .	15
(Subway and Elevated Railway. . . . . 6)	
Interurban Railway . . . . .	19
Railway Exclusively . . . . .	17
*Railway and Motor Bus Combined . . . . .	8
*Railway, Motor Bus & Trolley Coach Combined . . . . .	9
(b) Trolley Coach Companies (Total) (All Urban) . . . . .	22
*Trolley Coach and Motor Bus Combined . . . . .	13
(c) Motor Bus Companies (Total) . . . . .	1,255
Urban Motor Bus . . . . .	753
Suburban Motor Bus . . . . .	502
Motor Bus Exclusively . . . . .	1,225

\* Included also in item (c)

## Distribution of Transit Companies by Population Groups (Each company is counted only in the population group of the largest city it serves.)

POPULATION GROUP	ELECTRIC RAILWAYS (INCL. JOINT TROLLEY COACH AND/OR MOTOR BUS OPERATIONS)	TROLLEY COACH AND MOTOR BUS OPERATIONS COMBINED	MOTOR BUS (Exclusively)	GRAND TOTAL
500,000 and over . . . . .	13	3	12	28
250,000— 500,000 . . . . .	1	5	34	40
100,000— 250,000 . . . . .	0	4	74	78
50,000— 100,000 . . . . .	1	1	108	110
Less than 50,000 . . . . .	0	0	498	498
Suburban and Other . . . . .	**19	0	499	518
TOTAL . . . . .	34	13	1,225	1,272

\*\* Includes 15 companies which are 100% freight and/or switching operations.

2.	<i>Miles of Line and Miles of Route Operated (Dec. 31, 1959)</i>	
(a)	Electric Railway Line Mileage .....	1,900
	Surface Railway Line Mileage .....	1,514
	Subway and Elevated Line Mileage .....	386
(b)	Trolley Coach Line Mileage .....	1,256
(c)	Motor Bus Line Mileage .....	49,700
	Total Line Mileage .....	52,856
(d)	Electric Railway—Miles of Single Track .....	4,051
	Surface Railway—Miles of Single Track .....	2,806
	Subway and Elevated—Miles of Single Track .....	1,245
(e)	Trolley Coach—Miles of Negative Overhead Wire .....	2,491
(f)	Motor Bus—Miles of Route Round Trip .....	106,300
3.	<i>Passenger Vehicles Owned (Dec. 31, 1959) : Total</i> .....	65,780
(a)	Electric Railway Cars .....	11,983
	Surface Railway Cars .....	2,983
	Subway and Elevated Cars .....	9,000
(b)	Trolley Coaches .....	4,297
(c)	Motor Buses .....	49,500
4.	<i>Gross Investment (Dec. 31, 1959) : Total</i> .....	\$3,854,000,000
(a)	Electric Railway .....	2,938,000,000
	Surface Railway .....	378,000,000
	Subway and Elevated .....	2,560,000,000
(b)	Trolley Coach .....	125,000,000
(c)	Motor Bus .....	791,000,000
5.	<i>Operating Revenue—1959—Total</i> .....	\$1,376,400,000
(a)	Electric Railway .....	365,200,000
	Surface Railway .....	93,000,000
	Subway and Elevated .....	272,200,000
(b)	Trolley Coach .....	91,000,000
(c)	Motor Bus .....	920,200,000
6.	<i>Passenger Revenue—1959—Total</i> .....	\$1,300,500,000
(a)	Electric Railway .....	333,600,000
	Surface Railway .....	70,700,000
	Subway and Elevated .....	262,900,000
(b)	Trolley Coach .....	89,900,000
(c)	Motor Bus .....	877,000,000

7.	<i>Vehicle Miles Operated—1959—Total</i> .....	2,158,900,000
(a)	Electric Railway Car Miles .....	470,000,000
	Surface Railway Car Miles .....	81,300,000
	Subway and Elevated Car Miles .....	388,700,000
(b)	Trolley Coach Miles .....	112,400,000
(c)	Motor Bus Miles .....	1,576,500,000
8.	<i>Total Passengers Carried—1959—Total</i> .....	9,557,000,000
(a)	Electric Railway .....	2,349,000,000
	Surface Railway .....	521,000,000
	Subway and Elevated .....	1,828,000,000
(b)	Trolley Coach .....	749,000,000
(c)	Motor Bus .....	6,459,000,000
9.	<i>Revenue Passengers Carried—1959—Total</i> .....	7,650,000,000
(a)	Electric Railway .....	2,025,000,000
	Surface Railway .....	378,000,000
	Subway and Elevated .....	1,647,000,000
(b)	Trolley Coach .....	517,000,000
(c)	Motor Bus .....	5,108,000,000
10.	<i>Number of Employees (Average 1959)—Total</i> .....	159,100
(a)	Electric Railway .....	47,700
	Surface Railway .....	12,300
	Subway and Elevated .....	35,400
(b)	Trolley Coach .....	10,700
(c)	Motor Bus .....	100,700
11.	<i>Pay Roll—1959—Total</i> .....	\$ 832,000,000
(a)	Electric Railway .....	256,200,000
	Surface Railway .....	65,000,000
	Subway and Elevated .....	191,200,000
(b)	Trolley Coach .....	57,800,000
(c)	Motor Bus .....	518,000,000
12.	<i>Expenditures for Materials—1959—Total</i> .....	\$ 190,000,000
(a)	Maintenance Materials .....	113,800,000
(b)	Operating Materials .....	76,200,000
	I. Coal .....	8,300,000
	II. Gasoline .....	19,900,000
	III. Diesel Oil .....	19,100,000
	IV. Propane .....	2,500,000
	V. Lubricants .....	2,600,000
	VI. Electric Power (Purchased) .....	23,800,000

## *Trend of Transit Operations*

**TABLE NO. 1**  
**Results of Transit Operations in the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1959**

YEAR	OPERATING REVENUE	OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	NET REVENUE	ALL TAXES
	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)	(Thousands)
1935 .....	\$ 681,400	\$ 534,930	\$146,470	\$50,460
1940 .....	737,000	598,030	138,970	62,690
1945 .....	1,380,400	1,067,140	313,260	164,530
1950 .....	1,452,100	1,296,690	155,410	89,040
1951 .....	1,472,700	1,331,270	141,430	95,340
1952 .....	1,501,300	1,369,560	131,740	101,990
1953 .....	1,513,100	1,370,700	142,400	97,350
1954 .....	1,471,800	1,337,260	134,540	89,700
1955 .....	1,426,400	1,277,370	149,030	93,320
1956 .....	1,416,100	1,271,360	144,740	89,050
1957 .....	1,385,600	1,261,560	124,040	87,430
1958 .....	1,349,500	1,265,850	83,650	77,060
1959 .....	1,376,400	1,266,080	110,320	84,700

**Table 1—(Continued)**

YEAR	OPERATING INCOME	PERCENT OF OPERATING REVENUE:		
		OPERATING EXPENSES (Incl. Deprec.)	ALL TAXES	OPERATING INCOME
	(Thousands)			
1935 .....	\$ 96,010	78.50	7.41	14.09
1940 .....	76,280	81.14	8.51	10.35
1945 .....	148,730	77.31	11.92	10.77
1950 .....	66,370	89.30	6.13	4.57
1951 .....	46,090	90.40	6.47	3.13
1952 .....	29,750	91.23	6.79	1.98
1953 .....	45,050	90.59	6.43	2.98
1954 .....	44,840	90.86	6.09	3.05
1955 .....	55,710	89.55	6.54	3.91
1956 .....	55,690	89.78	6.29	3.93
1957 .....	36,610	91.05	6.31	2.64
1958 .....	6,590	93.80	5.71	0.49
1959 .....	25,620	91.99	6.15	1.86



## *Transit Taxes in 1959*

**TABLE NO. 2**  
**Transit Taxes in 1959**

	AMOUNT	PERCENT DISTRIBUTION
Federal Taxes (Total) . . . . .	\$40,150,000	47.40
Income Taxes . . . . .	14,560,000	17.19
Other Federal Taxes . . . . .	25,590,000	30.21
State, County and Local Taxes . . . . .	44,550,000	52.60
TOTAL TAXES . . . . .	\$84,700,000	100.00

## *Transit Traffic*

**TABLE NO. 3**  
**Total Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1959**  
**Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups**

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated . . . . .	1,828	.....	.....	1,828
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over . . . . .	438	504	3,199	4,141
250,000— 500,000 . . . . .	5	160	1,094	1,259
100,000— 250,000 . . . . .	14	59	773	846
50,000— 100,000 . . . . .	26	14	650	690
Less Than 50,000 . . . . .	6	12	259	277
Suburban and Other . . . . .	32	0	484	516
TOTAL . . . . .	2,349	749	6,459	9,557

***Total Passengers (By Population Groups)***

**TABLE NO. 4**  
**Total Transit Passengers in the United States By Population Groups**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1959**

YEAR	RAPID TRANSIT  (Millions)	SURFACE LINES						TOTAL  (Millions)
		500,000 AND OVER  (Millions)	250,000- 500,000  (Millions)	100,000- 250,000  (Millions)	50,000- 100,000  (Millions)	LESS THAN 50,000  (Millions)	SUBURBAN AND OTHER  (Millions)	
1935 . . . . .	2,236	5,626	1,547	1,080	587	207	943	12,226
1940 . . . . .	2,382	5,901	1,808	1,271	794	326	616	13,098
1945 . . . . .	2,698	9,258	3,867	2,823	2,158	1,002	1,448	23,254
1950 . . . . .	2,264	7,058	2,645	1,945	1,551	817	966	17,246
1951 . . . . .	2,189	6,495	2,515	1,813	1,450	753	910	16,125
1952 . . . . .	2,124	6,125	2,330	1,637	1,373	691	839	15,119
1953 . . . . .	2,040	5,663	2,114	1,500	1,229	588	768	13,902
1954 . . . . .	1,912	5,088	1,859	1,305	1,066	475	687	12,392
1955 . . . . .	1,870	4,788	1,703	1,173	935	416	644	11,529
1956 . . . . .	1,880	4,606	1,554	1,065	850	375	611	10,941
1957 . . . . .	1,843	4,461	1,416	979	779	330	581	10,389
1958 . . . . .	1,815	4,212	1,294	872	707	292	540	9,732
1959 . . . . .	1,828	4,141	1,259	846	690	277	516	9,557

## *Total Passengers (By Types of Service)*

**TABLE NO. 5**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935–1950 and Annually 1950–1959**

CALENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY & ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1935 ...	7,276	2,236	9,512	96	2,618	12,226
1940 ...	5,943	2,382	8,325	534	4,239	13,098
1945 ...	9,426	2,698	12,124	1,244	9,886	23,254
1950 ...	3,904	2,264	6,168	1,658	9,420	17,246
1951 ...	3,101	2,189	5,290	1,633	9,202	16,125
1952 ...	2,477	2,124	4,601	1,640	8,878	15,119
1953 ...	2,036	2,040	4,076	1,566	8,260	13,902
1954 ...	1,489	1,912	3,401	1,367	7,624	12,392
1955 ...	1,207	1,870	3,077	1,202	7,250	11,529
1956 ...	876	1,880	2,756	1,142	7,043	10,941
1957 ...	679	1,843	2,522	993	6,874	10,389
1958 ...	572	1,815	2,387	843	6,502	9,732
1959 ...	521	1,828	2,349	749	6,459	9,557

## *Trend of Rides Per Capita*

**TABLE NO. 6**  
**Urban Population, Total Rides and Rides Per Capita**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935–1950 and Annually 1950–1959**

YEAR	URBAN POPULATION (Millions)	TOTAL RIDES (Millions)	RIDES PER CAPITA OF POPULATION	INDEXES (192=100)		
				POPULATION	RIDES	RIDES PER CAPITA
1935 ...	71.7	12,226	171	119.3	75.0	63.1
1940 ...	74.4	13,098	176	123.8	80.4	64.9
1945 ...	74.5	23,254	312	124.0	142.7	115.1
1950 ...	88.4	17,246	195	147.1	105.8	72.0
1951 ...	89.5	16,125	180	148.9	98.9	66.4
1952 ...	90.6	15,119	167	150.7	92.7	61.6
1953 ...	91.1	13,902	153	151.6	85.3	56.5
1954 ...	92.0	12,392	135	153.1	76.0	49.8
1955 ...	93.2	11,529	124	155.1	70.7	45.8
1956 ...	93.3	10,941	117	155.2	67.1	43.2
1957 ...	93.6	10,389	111	155.7	63.7	41.0
1958 ...	94.0	9,732	104	156.4	59.7	38.4
1959 ...	94.1	9,557	102	156.6	58.6	37.6

## *Revenue Passengers 1959*

**TABLE NO. 7**

**Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States in 1959  
Distributed by Type of Service and Population Groups**

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated .....	1,647	.....	.....	1,647
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over .....	305	330	2,422	3,057
250,000— 500,000 .....	4	123	829	956
100,000— 250,000 .....	11	45	640	696
50,000— 100,000 .....	22	11	549	582
Less Than 50,000 .....	5	8	227	240
Suburban and Other .....	31	0	441	472
TOTAL .....	2,025	517	5,108	7,650

## *Trend of Revenue Passengers*

**TABLE NO. 8**

**Revenue Passengers Carried on Transit Lines of the United States Distributed by  
Types of Service  
At Five Year Intervals 1935–1950 and Annually 1950–1959**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE (Millions)	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED (Millions)	TOTAL (Millions)			
1935 ...	5,156.2	2,252.3	7,408.5	76.5	2,297.3	9,782.3
1940 ...	4,182.5	2,281.9	6,464.4	419.2	3,620.1	10,503.7
1945 ...	7,080.9	2,555.1	9,636.0	1,001.2	8,344.7	18,981.9
1950 ...	2,790.0	2,113.0	4,903.0	1,261.0	7,681.0	13,845.0
1951 ...	2,171.0	2,041.0	4,212.0	1,231.0	7,438.0	12,881.0
1952 ...	1,714.0	1,982.0	3,696.0	1,201.0	7,125.0	12,022.0
1953 ...	1,403.0	1,903.0	3,306.0	1,137.0	6,593.0	11,036.0
1954 ...	1,039.0	1,781.0	2,820.0	993.0	6,045.0	9,858.0
1955 ...	845.0	1,741.0	2,586.0	869.0	5,734.0	9,189.0
1956 ...	625.0	1,749.0	2,374.0	814.0	5,568.0	8,756.0
1957 ...	491.0	1,706.0	2,197.0	703.0	5,438.0	8,338.0
1958 ...	415.0	1,635.0	2,050.0	593.0	5,135.0	7,778.0
1959 ...	378.0	1,647.0	2,025.0	517.0	5,108.0	7,650.0

## *Transit Operating Revenues 1959*

**TABLE NO. 9**

**Transit Operating Revenue for Year 1959 Distributed by Types of Service and Population Groups**

	RAILWAY (Millions)	TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
Subway and Elevated . . . . .	\$272.2	. . . . .	. . . . .	\$272.2
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over . . . . .	56.5	\$56.8	\$431.8	545.1
250,000— 500,000 . . . . .	0.6	22.4	158.7	181.7
100,000— 250,000 . . . . .	1.8	8.0	122.8	132.6
50,000— 100,000 . . . . .	3.2	1.9	89.8	94.9
Less Than 50,000 . . . . .	0.9	1.9	34.7	37.5
Suburban and Other . . . . .	30.0	0	82.4	112.4
TOTAL . . . . .	\$365.2	\$91.0	\$920.2	\$1,376.4

## *Trend of Operating Revenue*

**TABLE NO. 10**

**Trend and Distribution of Transit Operating Revenue in the United States by  
Types of Service  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1959**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH (Millions)	MOTOR BUS (Millions)	GRAND TOTAL (Millions)
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1935 . . .	\$388.0	\$131.8	\$519.8	\$5.5	\$156.1	\$681.4
1940 . . .	327.8	128.3	456.1	25.0	255.9	737.0
1945 . . .	560.1	149.4	709.5	68.4	602.5	1,380.4
1950 . . .	361.7	216.4	578.1	122.0	752.0	1,452.1
1951 . . .	318.9	214.7	533.6	132.0	807.1	1,472.7
1952 . . .	279.7	213.9	493.6	147.4	860.3	1,501.3
1953 . . .	250.6	239.5	490.1	151.3	871.7	1,513.1
1954 . . .	204.2	269.2	473.4	141.5	856.9	1,471.8
1955 . . .	175.5	264.3	439.8	130.8	855.8	1,426.4
1956 . . .	139.4	271.4	410.8	127.6	877.7	1,416.1
1957 . . .	115.3	267.6	382.9	116.4	886.3	1,385.6
1958 . . .	99.1	266.5	365.6	103.2	880.7	1,349.5
1959 . . .	93.0	272.2	365.2	91.0	920.2	1,376.4

## *Trend of Passenger Revenue*

**TABLE NO. 11**

**Trend and Distribution of Transit Passenger Revenue in the United States by  
Types of Service  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1959**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1935 ...	\$357.8	\$127.8	\$485.6	\$5.5	\$151.2	\$642.3
1940 ...	304.0	123.8	427.8	24.9	248.8	701.5
1945 ...	513.4	142.3	655.7	68.0	590.0	1,313.7
1950 ...	322.4	209.6	532.0	120.6	734.2	1,386.8
1951 ...	284.4	207.3	491.7	130.6	789.3	1,411.6
1952 ...	247.0	206.2	453.2	145.8	839.1	1,438.1
1953 ...	218.0	232.0	450.0	148.9	849.7	1,448.6
1954 ...	174.5	261.4	435.9	138.8	835.3	1,410.0
1955 ...	146.6	257.5	404.1	128.5	826.3	1,358.9
1956 ...	112.4	264.2	376.6	124.5	845.3	1,346.4
1957 ...	89.4	260.5	349.9	112.7	849.6	1,312.2
1958 ...	75.6	259.4	335.0	100.1	839.2	1,274.3
1959 ...	70.7	262.9	333.6	89.9	877.0	1,300.5

## *Trend of Vehicle Miles Operated*

**TABLE NO. 12**

**Revenue Vehicle Miles Operated in the United States  
by Each Type of Transit Vehicle  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1959**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
	(Millions)	(Millions)	(Millions)			
1935 ...	1,147.7	438.6	1,586.3	14.6	711.1	2,312.0
1940 ...	844.7	470.8	1,315.5	86.0	1,194.5	2,596.0
1945 ...	939.8	458.4	1,398.2	133.3	1,722.3	3,253.8
1950 ...	463.1	443.4	906.5	205.7	1,895.4	3,007.6
1951 ...	387.6	424.0	811.6	208.8	1,893.0	2,913.4
1952 ...	321.2	400.4	721.6	215.2	1,877.7	2,814.5
1953 ...	273.7	391.1	664.8	211.7	1,819.0	2,695.5
1954 ...	215.1	376.3	591.4	196.7	1,760.7	2,548.8
1955 ...	178.3	382.8	561.1	176.5	1,709.9	2,447.5
1956 ...	132.9	387.1	520.0	165.7	1,680.9	2,366.6
1957 ...	106.6	388.0	494.6	146.5	1,648.4	2,289.5
1958 ...	89.9	386.5	476.4	131.0	1,593.6	2,201.0
1959 ...	81.3	388.7	470.0	112.4	1,576.5	2,158.9

## *Electric Power – Motor Fuel*

**TABLE NO. 13**  
**Electrical Energy and Motor Fuel Consumed by the Transit Industry of**  
**the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1959**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	KILOWATT HOURS CONSUMED (IN MILLIONS)				GALLONS OF MOTOR FUEL USED (IN THOUSANDS)		
	RAPID TRANSIT	SURFACE RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	TOTAL	GASOLINE	DIESEL OIL	PROPANE
1935 ...	1,852	5,096	61	7,009	*	*	0
1940 ...	1,977	4,050	307	6,334	*	*	0
1945 ...	1,966	4,547	520	7,033	510,000	11,800	0
1950 ...	2,000	2,410	841	5,251	(a)430,000	98,600	(a)
1951 ...	1,970	2,010	846	4,826	411,000	112,000	10,300
1952 ...	1,860	1,640	859	4,359	380,000	121,000	18,700
1953 ...	1,820	1,390	850	4,060	360,000	130,000	20,300
1954 ...	1,800	1,080	790	3,670	330,100	139,200	26,800
1955 ...	1,900	910	720	3,530	246,000	172,600	30,300
1956 ...	1,960	700	680	3,340	219,400	183,500	30,300
1957 ...	1,980	560	600	3,140	198,400	190,000	34,200
1958 ...	2,073	485	535	3,093	181,700	192,700	35,100
1959 ...	2,067	431	464	2,962	167,800	196,600	36,600

\*Data not available.

(a) Propane included with gasoline.

## *Employment and Payroll*

**TABLE NO. 14**  
**Number of Employees, Annual Payroll and Average Annual Earnings per**  
**Employee in the Transit Industry of the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1959**

YEAR	AVERAGE NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES	PAYROLL	AVERAGE ANNUAL EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE
1935 .....	209,000	\$321,000,000	\$1,536
1940 .....	203,000	360,000,000	1,773
1945 .....	242,000	632,000,000	2,612
1950 .....	240,000	835,000,000	3,479
1951 .....	232,000	872,000,000	3,760
1952 .....	227,000	903,000,000	3,978
1953 .....	220,000	913,000,000	4,150
1954 .....	211,000	895,000,000	4,242
1955 .....	198,000	864,000,000	4,364
1956 .....	186,000	852,000,000	4,581
1957 .....	177,000	840,000,000	4,746
1958 .....	165,000	831,000,000	5,036
1959 .....	159,100	832,000,000	5,229

## *New Equipment 1959*

**TABLE NO. 15**

**New Transit Equipment Delivered in 1959 Classified According to Population Group and Seating Capacity**

POPULATION GROUP	SUB-WAY & ELE-VATED	TROL-LEY COACH	MOTOR BUS (INTEGRAL ONLY)				GRAND TOTAL ALL VE-HICLES
			29 SEATS OR LESS	30-39 SEATS	40 SEATS OR MORE	TOTAL	
500,000 and over . . . .	210	0	0	0	836	836	1,046
250,000— 500,000 . . . .	...	0	0	10	166	176	176
100,000— 250,000 . . . .	...	0	0	25	180	205	205
50,000— 100,000 . . . .	...	0	0	73	56	129	129
Less Than 50,000 . . . .	...	0	0	42	57	99	99
Suburban & Other . . . .	...	0	1	7	84	92	92
TOTAL . . . . .	210	0	1	157	1,379	1,537	1,747

## *Size of New Buses*

**TABLE NO. 16**

**Number of Buses in Each Size Class Delivered in the Years 1943-1959**

YEAR	29 SEATS OR LESS	30-39 SEATS	40 SEATS OR MORE	TOTAL
* 1943 . . . . .	847	179	225	1,251
1944 . . . . .	2,423	369	1,015	3,807
1945 . . . . .	1,757	1,183	1,501	4,441
1946 . . . . .	1,849	2,429	2,185	6,463
1947 . . . . .	1,951	3,717	6,361	12,029
1948 . . . . .	523	2,144	4,342	7,009
1949 . . . . .	289	1,344	1,725	3,358
1950 . . . . .	205	852	1,611	2,668
1951 . . . . .	148	1,711	2,693	4,552
1952 . . . . .	36	548	1,165	1,749
1953 . . . . .	30	499	1,717	2,246
1954 . . . . .	22	359	1,844	2,225
1955 . . . . .	8	229	1,861	2,098
1956 . . . . .	8	162	2,589	2,759
1957 . . . . .	0	129	1,817	1,946
1958 . . . . .	2	177	1,519	1,698
1959 . . . . .	1	157	1,379	1,537

\*Data for prior years not available.



## *Trend of New Equipment*

**TABLE NO. 17**

**New Passenger Equipment Delivered to Transit Companies in the United States—  
Annually 1940 to 1959**

CAL- ENDAR YEAR	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY & ELEVATED	TOTAL			
*1940 ...	463	189	652	618	3,984	5,254
1941 ...	462	0	462	227	5,600	6,289
1942 ...	284	0	284	356	7,200	7,840
1943 ...	32	0	32	116	1,251	1,399
1944 ...	284	0	284	60	3,807	4,151
1945 ...	332	0	332	161	4,441	4,934
1946 ...	421	0	421	266	6,463	7,150
1947 ...	626	2	628	955	12,029	13,612
1948 ...	478	248	726	1,430	7,009	9,165
1949 ...	273	415	688	680	3,358	4,726
1950 ...	4	199	203	179	2,668	3,050
1951 ...	56	140	196	600	4,552	5,348
1952 ...	19	0	19	224	1,749	1,992
1953 ...	0	0	0	0	2,246	2,246
1954 ...	0	260	260	0	2,225	2,485
1955 ...	0	288	288	43	2,098	2,429
1956 ...	0	376	376	0	2,759	3,135
1957 ...	0	469	469	0	1,946	2,415
1958 ...	0	428	428	0	1,698	2,126
1959 ...	0	210	210	0	1,537	1,747

\*Data for prior years not available.

## *Transit Equipment Owned in 1959*

**TABLE NO. 18**

**Transit Passenger Equipment in 1959 Showing Types of Vehicles and Their  
Distribution by Population Groups**

	RAILWAY CARS	TROLLEY COACHES	MOTOR BUSES	GRAND TOTAL
Subway and Elevated . . . . .	9,000	.....	.....	9,000
Surface Lines: (Population Group)				
500,000 and over . . . . .	2,265	3,589	19,400	32,154
250,000— 500,000 . . . . .			6,900	
100,000— 250,000 . . . . .			7,600	
50,000— 100,000 . . . . .	403	708	5,200	19,311
Less Than 50,000 . . . . .			5,400	
Suburban and Other . . . . .	315	0	5,000	5,315
TOTAL . . . . .	11,983	4,297	49,500	65,780

## *Trend of Transit Equipment Owned*

**TABLE NO. 19**

**Trends of Transit Passenger Equipment in the United States by Types of Equipment  
At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1959**

AS OF DECEMBER 31ST	RAILWAY CARS			TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS	GRAND TOTAL
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL			
1935 ...	40,050	10,416	50,466	578	23,800	74,844
1940 ...	26,630	11,032	37,662	2,802	35,000	75,464
1945 ...	26,160	10,217	36,377	3,711	49,670	89,758
1950 ...	13,228	9,758	22,986	6,504	56,820	86,310
1951 ...	10,960	9,644	20,604	7,071	57,660	85,335
1952 ...	9,700	9,476	19,176	7,180	55,980	82,336
1953 ...	7,990	9,244	17,234	6,941	54,700	78,875
1954 ...	6,400	9,200	15,600	6,598	54,000	76,198
1955 ...	5,300	9,232	14,532	6,157	52,400	73,089
1956 ...	3,970	9,255	13,225	5,748	51,400	70,373
1957 ...	3,601	9,158	12,759	5,412	50,800	68,971
1958 ...	3,108	9,093	12,201	4,848	50,100	67,149
1959 ...	2,983	9,000	11,983	4,297	49,500	65,780

## *Track and Route Mileage 1959*

**TABLE NO. 20**

**Total Miles of Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route  
of the Transit Industry in the United States, 1959  
Distributed by Population Groups**

	RAILWAY	TROLLEY COACH	MOTOR BUS
Subway and Elevated .....	1,245	.....	.....
Surface Lines: (Population Group)			
500,000 and over .....	951	2,010	14,500
250,000— 500,000 .....			14,400
100,000— 250,000 .....			12,100
50,000— 100,000 .....	133	481	8,700
Less Than 50,000 .....			5,800
Suburban and Other .....	1,722	0	50,800
TOTAL .....	4,051	2,491	106,300

## *Trend of Track and Route Mileage*

**TABLE NO. 21**  
**Electric Railway Track, Motor Bus Route and Trolley Coach Route of the Transit**  
**Industry in the United States**  
**At Five Year Intervals 1935-1950 and Annually 1950-1959**

AS OF DECEMBER 31ST	TOTAL MILES OF RAILWAY TRACK			TROLLEY COACH— MILES OF NEGATIVE OVERHEAD WIRE	MOTOR BUS— MILES OF ROUTE ROUND- TRIP
	SURFACE	SUBWAY AND ELEVATED	TOTAL		
1935 ...	25,470	1,230	26,700	548	58,100
1940 ...	18,360	1,242	19,602	1,925	78,000
1945 ...	16,480	1,222	17,702	2,313	90,400
1950 ...	9,590	1,223	10,813	3,513	98,000
1951 ...	8,240	1,217	9,457	3,678	99,700
1952 ...	7,309	1,223	8,532	3,736	99,600
1953 ...	6,126	1,226	7,352	3,663	100,000
1954 ...	5,547	1,218	6,765	3,630	99,000
1955 ...	4,976	1,221	6,197	3,428	99,800
1956 ...	4,495	1,251	5,746	3,293	100,700
1957 ...	3,774	1,245	5,019	3,007	102,400
1958 ...	2,901	1,244	4,145	2,723	104,500
1959 ...	2,806	1,245	4,051	2,491	106,300

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